

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 2-8 and 10-14, if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, in response, independent Claim 1 has been cancelled herewith and Claim 2 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled Claim 1. Further, Claim 10 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 9, and Claim 9 has been cancelled. No new matter has had made by the aforementioned amendments. Claims 1 and 9 have been cancelled herewith without any prejudice to their reintroduction in any later related application.

In addition, the Examiner rejected Claims 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner contends that “the cell discriminator” in Claims 11 and 13, and “the OAM table” in Claims 12 and 14 do not have sufficient antecedent basis. Accordingly, the claims have been amended herewith to provide proper antecedent basis. However, the Applicant would like to note that the “the cell discriminator” as recited in Claims 13 has antecedent basis in amended Claim 11. Therefore, no amendment to Claim 13 is needed.

Lastly, Figures 20-22 have been amended herewith such that they are designated as “PRIOR ART”. Applicant therefore submits two substitute sheets herewith for the Examiner’s approval.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seth Weinfeld", written over a horizontal line.

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